What is Claimed:

- 1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising a biological equivalent of L-arginine and a nitrate.
- 2. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide dinitrate.
- 3. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide mononitrate.
- 4. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide 5' mononitrate.
- 5. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, further comprising a pharmaceutical carrier.
- 6. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said biological equivalent of L-arginine is a salt of L-arginine.
- 7. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said biological equivalent of L-arginine is hydralazine.
 - 8. A pharmaceutical composition comprising citrulline and a nitrate.
- 9. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, wherein said citrulline is a salt of L-citrulline.
- 10. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, further comprising a pharmaceutical carrier.
- 11. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide dinitrate.
- 12. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide mononitrate.
- 13. A pharmaceutical composition of claim 8, wherein the nitrate is isosorbide 5' mononitrate.
- 14. A method of treating a subject in need thereof comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a biological equivalent of L-arginine and a nitrate.
- 15. The method of claim 14, wherein said biological equivalent of L-arginine is a salt of L-arginine.
- 16. The method of claim 14, wherein the biological equivalent of L-arginine is hydralazine.

- 17. The method of claim 14, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide dinitrate.
- 18. The method of claim 14, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide mononitrate.
- 19. The method of claim 14, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide 5' mononitrate.
- 20. The method of claim 14, wherein the composition further comprises a pharmaceutical carrier.
- 21. The method of claim 14, wherein said biological equivalent of L-arginine and the nitrate are in therapeutically effective amounts.
- 22. A method of treating a subject in need thereof, comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising citrulline and a nitrate.
 - 23. The method of claim 22, wherein the citrulline is a salt of L-citrulline.
 - 24. The method of claim 22, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide dinitrate.
 - 25. The method of claim 22, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide mononitrate.
 - 26. The method of claim 22, wherein said nitrate is isosorbide 5' mononitrate.
- 27. The method of claim 22, wherein said citrulline and the nitrate are in therapeutically effective amounts.
- 28. The method of claim 22, wherein the composition further comprises a pharmaceutical carrier.